



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date December 24, 2003

In re the Application of

Hidekazu KOJIMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2613

Application No.: 09/423,461

Examiner: S. An

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Docket No.: 104651

For: OPTICAL FIBER OBSERVING IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
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
Sir:

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